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1. DCM AND MSA COUNSELOR MADE PRESENTATION SET FORTH
PARA THREE REFTEL TO MFA DIRGEN MUTUAL SECURITY AFFAIRS
YAVUZALP MORNING APRIL 25.

2. AT CONCLUSION OF PRESENTATION, YAVUZALP COMMENTED THAT
GOT RECOGNIZED IMPORTANCE OF SPAIN TO THE DEFENSE OF THE
WEST. HE RECALLED THAT GOT HAD PARTICIPATED IN DISCUSSIONS
IN 1968 ON THIS SUBJECT, AND THAT FROM THE MILITARY VIEWPOINT,
TURKEY BELIEVED A LINK BETWEEN SPAIN AND NATO WOULD BE USEFUL.

3. THE PROBLEM, CONTINUED YAVUZALP, IS POLITICAL; I.E. THE
STRONG OBJECTION BASED ON POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES ARISING FROM
SOME OTHER NATO CAPITALS. HE BELIEVED THAT TURKEY WOULD HAVE
NO POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES IN SUPPORTING CLOSER TIES BETWEEN
SPAIN AND NATO. HE SUGGESTED THAT EFFORTS TO THIS END
WOULD BEST BE CONCENTRATED ON THOSE CAPITALS WHERE THERE WAS
STRONG OBJECTION TO CLOSER LINKS BETWEEN SPAIN AND NATO.

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